

# HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY

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## HARBOUR EAST COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES March 3, 2005

PRESENT: Councillor Harry McInroy, Chair  
Councillor Gloria McCluskey  
Councillor Andrew Younger  
Councillor Bill Karsten  
Councillor Becky Kent

REGRETS: Councillor Jim Smith

STAFF: Mr. Wayne Anstey, Municipal Solicitor  
Ms. Julia Horncastle, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 3, 2005**

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Younger, that the minutes of February 3, 2005 be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Additions

12.1 Councillor Younger - Naming of Locks Road park.

Councillor McCluskey requested Mr. Tim Olive - Downtown Business Commission be permitted to make a presentation under item 9.

**MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the Order of Business, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

**4.1 STATUS SHEET ITEMS**

**4.1.1 Snow Removal Operation on Lorne Avenue**

Report received. To be removed from the status sheet.

**4.1.2 10 Springhill Road Rezoning**

No information received. To remain on status sheet.

**4.1.3 Changes to Development Agreement - Penhorn Drive at Woodlawn Mall**

No information received. To remain on status sheet.

**4.1.4 Maynard Beach, Dartmouth**

No information received. To remain on status sheet.

**4.1.5 Morris Lake Estates CDD Amendment**

Councillor Karsten advised that this item could now be removed from the status sheet.

**4.1.6 Main and Brigadoon Intersection**

Councillor Karsten requested a status update be provided for the April meeting even if the final response is not ready.

**4.1.7 Gentleman's Club - 70 Windmill Road**

No report received. To remain on status sheet.

**4.1.8 Hazardous Materials Disposal for Eastern HRM**

Report received. To be removed from status sheet.

**4.1.9 Policy re: Illegal Apartments**

Councillor Smith advised that this item could now be removed from the status sheet.

**4.1.10 Establishment of a Dartmouth Planning Advisory Committee**

Report received. To be added as an agenda item for the April meeting.

**4.1.11 Service Building - Cole Harbour Commons**

No report received. To remain on status sheet.

**4.1.12 Servicing Plan for Ball and Sports Fields in the HECC area**

No report received. To remain on status sheet.

**5. MOTIONS OF RECONSIDERATION - NONE**

**6. MOTIONS OF RESCISSION - NONE**

**7. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - NONE**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8.1            Case 00739: Application to Rezone Portion of Shubie Park**

- C     A staff report dated January 20, 2005 on this issue was before Council.
- C     Correspondence was received from Anne Drillio and Dalton Read in favour of the rezoning.

Ms. Honita Koblents, Planner, provided an overview of the staff report and recommendation.

Councillor McInroy called for those wishing to speak either in favour of or opposition to the rezoning.

A representative of Save our Shubie spoke in favour of the zoning stating park areas are essential to the quality of life in the urban areas and this is a good step forward.

Mr. Morris Lloyd advised the Save our Lakes Coalition is in favour of this rezoning.

Mr. Alan Billard, Shubenacadie Canal Commission, spoke in favour of the rezoning stating this gives more of a solid base from which to launch any major proposals.

A resident spoke in favour of the rezoning and received clarification that only the publicly owned islands are included in the park designation.

A representative of North American spoke in favour of the rezoning and received clarification that this will not impact the interchange.

Councillor McInroy called three times for any additional speakers. Hearing none, the following motion was placed.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Younger, that the public hearing close. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Karsten, that the Harbour East Community Council approve the rezoning of portions of Shubie Park zoned “Holding” (H), “Residential (R-1) and Commercial (C-3) to “Park” (P). MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**9.            CORRESPONDENCE AND DELEGATIONS**

**9.1           Correspondence - None**

**9.2           Delegations**

**9.2.1 Mr. Tim Olive - Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission**

C A copy of Mr. Olive's presentation was circulated to members of Council.

Mr. Olive, reading from prepared text, addressed Community Council regarding the location of the new Metro Campus of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in Dartmouth.

**MOVED by Councillor McCluskey, seconded by Councillor Kent, that Harbour East Community Council forward a recommendation to Regional Council requesting that Regional Council forward a letter to the Honourable Jamie Muir, Minister of Education, with a copy to the Chair of the Board of Governors of NSCAD, recommending the new Metro Campus of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design be located in Dartmouth Cove on lands currently owned by the Province of Nova Scotia.**

**10. REPORTS**

**10.1 Financial Services - How is HRM Spending Your Tax Dollars**

This item was addressed at a later point in the meeting (see page 8)

**10.2 Morris-Russell Lake Secondary Planning Area and HRM Capital Projects**

C A memorandum from the Morris-Russell Lake Public Participation Committee, dated February 15, 2005, was circulated to Council.

**MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Younger, that the memorandum be forwarded to staff for review and response to the Committee.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**10.3 Councillor Kent - Harbour East Community Council Meeting Locations**

**MOVED by Councillor Kent, seconded by Councillor McCluskey, that a staff report be requested regarding the potential for the Harbour East Community Council to consider hosting meetings in the community of interest when there is an important item on the agenda.**

Councillor Kent noted that repeatedly residents are asked to leave their communities or districts to defend, support or become informed on significant decisions that affect them, like public hearings, regional plan, master plans, etc. She stated that residents deserve the benefit of meeting locations that are in their district, making it more convenient for residents to attend and express concerns. She noted that if the agenda contains only one "hot topic"

relative to one community then the meeting be held in that community but if it contains more than one, the meeting would remain at the regular venue.

The Councillor requested the report contain information on potential locations, the availability and options as well as costs that might be involved and any advertising implications and costs that might be involved.

Councillor Younger how will people know where it is going to be on a given month.

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**11. MOTIONS - NONE**

**12. ADDED ITEMS**

**12.1 Councillor Younger - Renaming of Locks Road Park**

**MOVED by Councillor Younger, seconded by Councillor Kent, that a report be requested regarding the naming of the park on Locks Road the Ernie MacLeod Park.  
MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION - NONE**

**14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

This was held in conjunction with the budget presentation.

**15. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2005

**10.1 Financial Services - How is HRM Spending Your Tax Dollars**

Mr. Bruce Fisher, Manager, Financial Planning, with aid of PowerPoint, presented the 2005-2006 budget.

Following the presentation, members of the public were provided an opportunity to make comment with the following issues and concerns being identified:

- C Tax bills need to be capped
- C Tax bills are going up even if the tax rate is staying the same

- C Needs to be money allocated to have the large billboards removed as part of the budget
- C Where is the extra money being going as the tax bills have doubled in some instances
- C The crossing guards have not been considered for an increase and it is a very time consuming job
- C There is a lot of property in HRM that are not correctly assessed
- C Councillors received an increase
- C HRM to look at any available financial opportunities
- C Residents don't get the services for the taxes paid
- C There should be a parkland reserve put in place to purchase land for parks and open spaces
- C Expenditures are tied to CPI but taxes are tied to market value
- C A property assessment does not necessarily reflect the income of the household
- C HRM should review the assessment number put out by the province
- C Needs to examine efficiencies such as number of workers at a job site
- C Is there a review process to review if residents are getting services for money spent.

Councillor McInroy thanked everyone for their input.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Julia Horncastle  
Legislative Assistant